

REMARKS

The Examiner has raised an objection to Figs. 1-4 as not being labeled as prior art. Applicants have provided revised drawing sheets with the figures labeled. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Applicants have canceled the previous claims in favor of new claims 24-30. New claims 24-30 are directed to the method of using a device for providing a tar and nicotine barrier in a filter of a smoking article. Claims 24-30 substantially correspond to claims allowed in European Application EP 03 760 113. Applicants submit that none of the references of record disclose or suggest the method of claims 24-30.

Respectfully submitted,

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